

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 1-4, 6-24, 26-34, 36-38 and 40-45 have been allowed.

The Examiner objected to claims 5, 25, 35 and 39 because of specified informalities which Applicants similarly acknowledge with appreciation.

More specifically, the Examiner objected to claim 5 as lacking antecedent basis for the term "the conveying means." Applicants have amended claim 5 to claim "a the conveying means." In addition, the Examiner objected to claim 25 and recommended that "the" should be inserted after "from". Applicants have amended claim 25 to claim "recovered from the gas stream". The Examiner objected to claim 35 indicating that "first" should be inserted before "gas". Applicants have amended claim 35 to claim "wherein the first gas is recirculated." Finally, the Examiner objected to claim 39 as lacking antecedent basis for the term "the vacuum chamber." Applicants have amended claim 39 to claim "a vacuum chamber connected to the vacuum pump inlet." No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objections to claims 5, 25, 35 and 39 have been overcome.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Examiner's objections to claims 5, 25, 35 and 39 have been overcome and such claims are accordingly in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the application with claims 1-45 be allowed and promptly passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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